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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madame:

I have been working in the computing industry since my graduation from college in 1972, practically 30 years. From my vantage point, Microsoft Corporation has been a primary player in revolutionizing the way computing is done. They have been the catalyst for producing less costly operating systems and software so that today virtually any home owner can own and operate a computer. This would have been financially impossible not too many years ago.

For the community of users who have come to rely on Microsoft, the case that the justice department has brought against them is a true misuse of justice. Microsoft has made things better for the business community, better for the home owner, improved the quality of programs available, provided software and support at reasonable prices (unheard of low prices compared to where the industry was 20 years ago), and spawned many, many other businesses. It is an outrage that the US Government would use our tax dollars to prosecute a company that has done so much. I urge that this case be settled in the most expeditious manner possible. Thank you.

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